

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting assembly for use with a stanchion extending outwardly from a ground surface comprising:

an elongated tubular body having an open end and a closed end defining an interior cavity, the open end and the interior cavity of the elongated tubular body being dimensioned to receive the stanchion substantially entirely therein such that the open end is proximate to or in contact with the ground surface; and

an external source of electrical power disposed outside of the elongated tubular body; and

a lighting assembly[[,]] having a light source interconnected to a the power source, the light assembly being secured relative to the tubular body so that the light is visible exteriorly of the interior cavity.

2. (Original) The lighting assembly of claim 1 wherein the power source is external to the lighted stanchion cover.

3. (Original) The lighting assembly of claim 2 further includes an electronic circuit for power management and control.

4. (Original) The lighting assembly of claim 3 further including a light source receptacle for receiving a lamp.

5. (Original) The lighting assembly of claim 1 wherein the power source is a plurality of photovoltaic devices that are supported by the elongated tubular body.

6. (Original) The lighting assembly of claim 1 wherein the power source is a battery.

7. (Original) The elongated tubular body defined in claim 1 wherein the body displays a message.

8. (Previously Presented) The elongated tubular body defined in claim 1 wherein the message is stenciled letters or an image upon the body.

9. (Previously Presented) The elongated tubular body defined in claim 1 wherein the body includes one or more light dispersing windows.

10. (Original) The elongated tubular body of claim 7 wherein the message is displayed by a plurality of light sources supported by the thickness of the body.

11. (Original) The elongated tubular body of claim 10 wherein the plurality of light sources are light emitting diodes.

12. (Previously Presented) A lighted stanchion cover for use with a stanchion extending outwardly from a fixed surface comprising:

an elongated tubular body having an open end, and a closed end, and defining an interior cavity, the open end and the interior cavity of the body being dimensioned to receive the stanchion therein, and the body having an inner and outer surface defining a thickness, the inner and outer surfaces and the thickness defining a second cavity, the second cavity being adapted to encapsulate a photo-luminescent mixture; and

a lighting assembly, having a light source interconnected to a power source, the light assembly being supported within the interior cavity of the elongated tubular body, and the lighting assembly not interfering with the elongated tubular body receiving the stanchion.

13. (New) The elongated tubular body of claim 1, further including a proximity detector and control electronics operative to activate the light source when a vehicle is in close proximity to the stanchion.